REMARKS

The Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-30, 33-37 and 39-41, for prosecution on the merits.

The election is made with traverse, as it is believed that a search done for the claims of Group I would overlap and be relevant to the subject matter of the claims of Groups II and III. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and remove the restriction requirement, and to examine claims 1-41 at this time.

A favorable consideration that results in the early allowance of claims 1-41 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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